

# The Cougar Chronicle



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## Join the action at the James & Betsy Wood Memorial Golf Tournament October 11

Don't miss your chance to register for NTCA's biggest fundraiser—the 2010 James and Betsy Wood Memorial Golf Tournament.

The tournament will be held on October 11 on Stonebridge Ranch's Pete Dye Course. You can register as a single player or a team. All players will receive goodie bags filled with packs of golf balls and coupons for everything from trips to the practice range to haircuts and food.

The raffle following the tournament will feature a 32-inch flat screen television, gift baskets created by NTCA classes, and

much more!

There are two fabulous hole-in-one prizes this year. A 2011 Honda Accord from Honda Cars of McKinney and a trip for two to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, from PGA Superstore.

You can also purchase a tee marker for \$150 to celebrate your child, advertise your business, or honor a loved one. This is a great way to support the school if you can't join us on that day. Contact Mrs. Young if you would like to purchase a tee marker.



The tournament is sponsored by PowerLift Foundation Repair, PGA Tour Superstore, Chick-Fil-A, AJ & J Agri Services, Academy Sports & Outdoors, Best Buy, and Honda Cars of McKinney.

Class baskets are already being prepared for the raffle. This year the baskets will include Grilling/

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## Even non-golfers can get involved!

If you don't know a bogey from a birdie, you can still be a part of the golf tournament. Here are just a few ways you can help:

- ◆ Sponsor a team to play that day
- ◆ Ask your employer to sponsor a team
- ◆ Ask businesses to sponsor a team/tournament
- ◆ Sponsor the golf tournament
- ◆ Buy a tee marker

◆ Volunteer at the tournament by registering golfers, serving snacks, or distributing prizes

◆ Volunteer before the tournament by assembling goodie bags, making tee markers, or encouraging teams to register

◆ Help prepare class baskets

If you'd like to help, contact Mrs. Young and she'll find the perfect spot for you!

## A Message from Mrs. Young

School is off to a great start! I want to officially say "WELCOME" to every family who is returning or new to the school. Your children are wonderful! I say we have the best group of students and teachers in the North Texas area. I am proud and honored to be a part of the work that is done every day at NTCA.

NTCA chooses a theme every year. The students hear and read a Bible verse that helps us all focus on that theme. This year our theme is kindness. We have used God's words from the book of Jeremiah to help us remember how He delights in kindness. *Jeremiah 9:24 - "...I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight."* Each of our chapel services this year will emphasize our theme. We want to see how your child is showing kindness. Please send me an email or a picture about random acts of kindness, and we will recognize your child in chapel.

We truly have so much to be thankful for at our school. You are always so willing to do whatever we ask of you. Thank you for supporting us every day. We need help with two important volunteer opportunities. We need lunch volunteers every day, and we need volunteers to help with our golf tournament. You can read the details about these opportunities in the newsletter. Please consider how you can serve. Thanks to those who have already volunteered!

I am excited to be on this journey with you and your family. Praise God that we can work in Kingdom Education together for His glory!

## Lunch volunteers needed

With the addition of Subway sandwiches and Lunchables, students now have the option of ordering a kid-friendly lunch at school five days a week. However, we need your help!

Volunteers are needed each day to help with meals. Please contact the school office if you can help. Preschool lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays, while Elementary lunch is from 11:55 to 12:25 p.m. each day.

Starting this month, the lunch menu will be:

- Monday—Subway (3-inch ham or turkey sandwich, chips, and ap-

ple slices)

- Tuesday—Lunchable (turkey or ham sandwich)
- Wednesday—Chick-Fil-A (nuggets or chicken sandwich)
- Thursday—Lunchable (turkey or ham sandwich)
- Friday—Pizza (cheese or pepperoni)

For more information, look for the lunch order forms sent home at the end of each month. The Lunchables on Tuesdays and Thursdays are available to both preschool and elementary students.

## Safety procedures highlighted

NTCA strives to provide the safest environment possible for every student. There are procedures in place that our staff follows and that we ask all parents and visitors to follow as well. All exterior doors are locked except in the morning during carpool when staff members are unloading cars. Doors are not to be propped or left unlocked at any other time. Visitors should always report and sign in at the school/church office. Those visitors/contractors who have school business should sign in and receive a visitor's badge from the school. Those visitors/contractors who have church business should sign in and receive a visitor's badge from the church. Visitors should always enter the building on the appropriate side of the building. Visitors will not be permitted to enter other doors of the building except those closest to the school

or church offices.

NTCA also has regularly scheduled fire and bad weather drills. These are designed to help the students learn the procedure for evacuating the building or moving to a safe place in the building. These drills are not intended to alarm any of the students, but serve as a practice situation.

Please also be aware of our "Safety Procedures" for student drop-off and pick-up. Morning carpool for elementary/middle school is from 8:00-8:20 a.m. and afternoon carpool is from 3:15-3:30 p.m. Morning carpool for preschool is from 8:50-9:00 a.m. A staff member will be available if your child(ren) needs assistance when exiting/entering the vehicle during designated carpool times. We ask for car seats to be on the passenger side and that

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## Classroom News

### Kindergarten Readiness

KR is very busy in the month of October. We have already learned all of our vowels and their sounds, and now we're working on consonants and blends. We are getting one step closer to being able to read some words! We are doing lots of counting, counting, and more counting. This month the fire trucks will be visiting us on Oct. 7th, and then we'll go to the pumpkin patch on Oct. 21st. We'll have Orange Day fun coming soon! Details will follow. KR is making a grilling/tailgating basket for our annual basket raffle and the golf tournament. Please send in donations. Happy Fall to all!!!

### Kindergarten

We have had a super start in our kindergarten class. We have been busy learning all of our school rules and getting settled into our routine. All of the students are doing a great job learning how to be "Helpful Heroes" to each other, which has earned many students Cougar Cash dollars. We have also been learning the vowels and are ready to move on to the consonants. We had a great unit about being scientists and learned what it is like to do experiments. In Bible we have learned a lot about Peter and all of his great teachings. In math we have had great fun using sorting skills and now we are starting to move into number skills. We're even learning to write our numbers 1 through 5 in Spanish and completing a Spanish number book. On Fridays we get extra Spanish where we learn to ask questions in Spanish. The first month of kindergarten has been a blessing to all nine students and to Mrs. Hart!

### Snow Cone Fundraiser

The 5th, 6th, and 7th grades will hold a snow cone fundraiser each Friday in October. Students can bring 50 cents with them to school to purchase snow cones between 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m.

### Cubs Corner



Preschool is off to a great start! We have had a great first month. In October, our preschool students will be learning about Elijah, autumn, and fire prevention. We'll be learning about the letters D, E, and F; the color orange; and all about squares. Our Bible verse this month will be Philippians 4:19: *"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious*

*riches in Christ Jesus."* Some Preschool Dates to Remember:  
Oct. 7th—The firemen will bring their truck by for a visit. (KR and Kindergarten will join us.)  
Oct. 21st—Pumpkin Patch Field trip (KR and Kindergarten will join us.)  
Oct. 28th—Orange Day (Wear as much orange as you can.)

### Parents invited to 4-H Club informational meeting

Think 4-H is just about showing animals at the county fair? NTCA students are about to learn how much more there is to the youth development organization.

The school will hold a 4-H informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26th. County Extension Agent Chris Schraeder will answer questions about 4-H and how NTCA can start its own after-school club.

4-H offers more than 40 subjects, including photography, computers, foods and nutrition, veterinary medicine, and even aerospace.

"There's no limit to what the kids can learn," said NTCA board member and parent Marie Hoke. "This will give the

students an extracurricular activity and also they can obtain college scholarships later on."

At the meeting, parents will be able to ask questions and offer their input on forming a club at NTCA. 4-H is open to students from kindergarten through upper grades.



A community of more than 6 million youth and adults working together for positive change, 4-H enables America's youth to emerge as leaders through hands-on learning, research-based 4-H youth programs and adult mentorship, in order to give back to their local communities.

# NTCA News

## Cougars to help food pantry

NTCA will start collecting non-perishable food items each Wednesday during chapel to help the High Pointe Food Pantry serve local families in need. The food pantry helps 65 to 70 families each week by providing a bag of groceries.

Some suggested items to bring each week:

- Canned vegetables

- Canned soup
- Canned fruit
- Canned meat (chicken, tuna, etc.)
- Spaghetti sauce
- Pasta
- Dry or hot cereal
- Macaroni and cheese
- Dried beans
- Rice
- Peanut Butter

Thank you for your help in this ministry!

## Parents Prayer Group forming

Would you like to get together with other NTCA parents to pray for the needs and future of our students, staff, and school? Chris Vilches is organizing a Parents Prayer Group to meet once a month. The first gathering

will be Tuesday, October 5th, at 8:30 a.m. at the school. If you need more information, contact Chris at 214-620-1600 or email her at cmvilches@att.net.

## Candy collection for troops

Always wondering what to do with the leftover Halloween candy? Now you can donate your extra candy to a good cause.

NTCA will have collection boxes for Operation Gratitude, which collects candy to include in holiday packages for troops overseas. NTCA parent Tina Tennison will put out donation boxes after Halloween through

November 12th to collect wrapped candy, including chocolate.

Your student can also include a personal letter to a military service member. For more information about what to write in a letter, or to get more information about Operation Gratitude, visit their website at <http://www.opgratitude.com>.

## Save the Date:

November 2 — McTown Clowns Visit (KR-2nd grade)

November 9 & 10 — School Pictures

November 26 — Thanksgiving Feast (Elementary and Middle School)

December 3 — The Nutcracker Field Trip (3rd-7th grades)

**Have you joined NTCA on Facebook?**  
We have two Facebook pages. One is a secure group for parents and grandparents, while the other is a fan page that anyone can join. Both are listed as NTCA - North Texas Christian Academy. See you on Facebook!



## Cougar football kicks off

The Cougars tackle football team is now 3-1 this season.

Players are practicing twice a week with Coach Albert Mendoza in the City of McKinney football league.

If you'd like to catch the team in action, here's a look at their upcoming games:

- Saturday, Oct. 9th, 12:00 p.m., vs. the Raiders at Boyd High School
- Saturday, Oct. 16th, 10:40 a.m., vs. the Patriots at Boyd High School
- Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 10:40 a.m., vs. the Raiders at Boyd High School

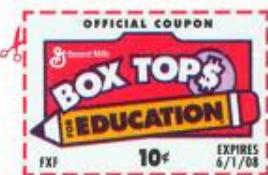


# Products offer easy ways to support NTCA

Supporting NTCA can be as easy as peeling off a UPC label or tossing your empty juice pouches in a sack and sending them to school. Here are some ways you can help NTCA:

## Box Tops for Education

Box Tops for Education is a year-round fundraiser that helps our school earn cash. School supporters (parents, students, teachers, grandparents, neighbors) clip the familiar Box Tops coupons from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. More information and a complete list of participating products can be found at [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com). We will periodically send home a collection sheet in the students' folder on which parents can attach coupons to make collection easier. You can also just send them in a baggie or envelope. We appreciate all the help we can get. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents for our school, so ask grandparents to watch for the box tops too! Last year we raised over \$300 from box tops, and we know we can top that this year.



## SunnyD

Simply saving UPC labels from SunnyD products can earn free books for our school. The SunnyD Book Spree will donate 20 books to every classroom that sends in 20 SunnyD UPC labels. The program will also award hundreds of books to the ten schools that collect the most labels.

Last year SunnyD donated 84,000 books to schools across America. It would be fantastic if our school could benefit this year. Imagine every classroom getting 20 new books! Maybe even hundreds of new books for our library! This is for a limited time. It ends November 30.

It is easy to do. Just peel the labels with the UPC from your bottles and send them in to us and we will do the rest. The small bottles (12 oz. and smaller) are excluded unless you buy them in the multiple packs. (We need the UPC code from the plastic from around the pack). You can get more information at [sunnyd.com/bookspre](http://sunnyd.com/bookspre).



## Juice Pouch Recycling

Collecting juice pouches is also an on-going fundraiser for NTCA. The brand of juice pouch does not matter—Caprisun, Kool-Aid or any others. The students have been saving their juice pouches at lunch, but parents can also send in juice pouches from home. Please be sure to squeeze out all juice and remove the straw before returning them to school. Each juice pouch is worth 2 cents for our school.



## Mamapedia

Sign up with <http://deals.mamapedia.com/>, and each day Mamapedia will email you one amazingly sweet deal for something that you and your family may wish to buy. If you purchase one of their deals, you can specify that 5 percent of your purchase be donated to NTCA. The deals can be family-friendly restaurants, museums, clothing, and more!

## School Safety (continued)

**parents remain in the car while in the carpool line.** If you would like to walk your child to/from the door, please use an available parking space.

**S** = Stop and put your car in park.

**A** = Allow 5 feet between cars.

**F** = Follow the flow of traffic.

**E** = Examine your surroundings.

**T** = To enter/exit, students must use the passenger side ONLY.

**Y** = Yield to other exiting cars.

We are so grateful and thankful for each of you and your support as we provide a safe, nurturing environment for your child to learn in every day. If you have questions about our safety policies or procedures, please call the school office.

## Cougar P.R.I.D.E. Needs You

We are seeking Cougar families who have gifts, talents, skills, and a little extra time to become involved in the Cougar P.R.I.D.E. Committee, which meets the second Tuesday of each month at the school. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 12th, at 8:45 a.m.

P.R.I.D.E. stands for Philanthropy, Resource, Internal Communications, Development, and Events. Each area has opportunities for volunteers.

- **Philanthropy**—Helping our students develop a giving heart and generous spirit of serving others, such as Shoes for Orphan Souls

- **Resource**—a.k.a. "fund-raising" to help keep tuition rates reasonable and provide scholarships.
- **Internal Communications**— newsletter, website
- **Development**—Everything from developing relationships with businesses to developing programs for our students.
- **Events**— Internal events such as the book fair and external events that give our students visibility in the community.

To volunteer, contact Joy Beach at 214.544.1794 or [jbeach@northtexaschristian.org](mailto:jbeach@northtexaschristian.org).

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### Golf tournament (continued)

Tailgating (KR), Home Depot (Kindergarten), Family Games (1st grade), Tools (2nd grade), Sports (3rd Grade), Gift Cards (4th grade), and Golf (5th, 6th, and 7th grades).

Monies raised will go toward NTCA's learning center and interactive technology, with a goal of installing smart boards in classrooms.

For more information about the tournament, visit the NTCA website at [www.NorthTexasChristian.org](http://www.NorthTexasChristian.org).

### October Lunch Volunteer Schedule

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for helping with our lunch program. **We need more volunteers!** If you can help with our lunches, or if you need to reschedule for any reason, please contact Theresa Winstead at 214.544.1794 or email her at [twinstead@northtexaschristian.org](mailto:twinstead@northtexaschristian.org).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Emily Chapman, Angie Klovstad	5 Colleen Haaland	6 Tina Tennison, Brenda Bartlett, Kelly Chacon	7 Holly Milstead	8 Alison Mains, James Shaw, Sharon Dunlap, Marie Hoke
11 Emily Chapman, Molly Brewer	12 Colleen Haaland, Chris Vilches	13 Tina Tennison, Joe Hicks, Linda Ndofor, Shannon Humphrey	14 Anndria Wilson	15 Alison Mains, Vera Burrell, Ken Dunlap, Tina Autry
18 Emily Chapman, Angie Klovstad	19 Colleen Haaland	20 Tina Tennison, Brenda Bartlett, Kelly Chacon, Jamie Pascale	21 Holly Milstead	22 Alison Mains, Teresa and James Shaw, Sharon Dunlap, Renee Hicks
25 Emily Chapman, Molly Brewer	26 Colleen Haaland, Chris Vilches	27 Tina Tennison, Joe Hicks, Linda Ndofor, Shannon Humphrey	28 Anndria Wilson	29 Alison Mains, Vera Burrell, Ken Dunlap, Tina Autry